

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A pneumatic tire comprising a cylindrical crown portion, and a pair of sidewalls and a pair of bead portions, the sidewalls and the bead portions being continuous from both sides of the crown portion, in which a decorative portion, and protruding portions are having tops and bottoms continue with each other thereon is arranged on at least one of the sidewalls,

wherein the decorative portion includes interconnected tops and bottoms of the decorative portion being in a direction of, and the tops of the decorative portion protruding higher than a level of from the sidewall on which the decorative portion is arranged of the tire,

wherein the protruding portions protrude higher than the tops of the decorative portion ~~are provided~~, the protruding portions including at least one of a character and a mark, and

wherein joined portions join of the protruding portions and the decorative portion, and bottoms of the joined portions are higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion.

2. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the decorative portion includes a high decorative portion having bottoms higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion, and the tops continuing with each other thereon the high decorative portion is joined to at least one of is provided on the joined portions of the protruding portions.

3. (currently amended): A pneumatic tire comprising a cylindrical crown portion, and a pair of sidewalls and a pair of bead portions, the sidewalls and the bead portions being

continuous from both sides of the crown portion, in which a decorative portion ~~and protruding portions arching tops and bottoms continue with each other thereon~~ is arranged on at least one of the sidewalls,

~~wherein the decorative portion includes interconnected tops and bottoms, and the tops of the decorative portion protruding higher than a level of tops and bottoms of the decorative portion being in a direction of protruding from the sidewall on which the decorative portion is arranged of the tire,~~

wherein ~~the~~ protruding portions ~~protrude~~ higher than the tops of the decorative portion ~~are provided~~, the protruding portions including at least one of a character and a mark, and

~~wherein~~ flat portions higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion are provided on bottoms between the protruding portions ~~and the decorative portion.~~

4. (original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 3, wherein a ratio of a width of each of the flat portions is 40 to 70% with respect to a width between ends of top surfaces of the protruding portions.

5. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 3, wherein a corner region connecting the flat portions and each protruding portion is formed of a round portion.

6. (original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 5, wherein the round portion has a radius of 0.2 to 1.0 mm.

7. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 ~~to 6~~ or 2, wherein a height of the bottom of the joined portion of any of the protruding portion and decorative portion is set within a range of 30% to 70% with respect to a height to each top surface of the protruding portions.

8. (new): A pneumatic tire comprising a cylindrical crown portion, and a pair of sidewalls and a pair of bead portions, the sidewalls and the bead portions being continuous from both side of the crown portion, in which a decorative portion and protruding portions are arranged on at least one of the sidewalls,

wherein the decorative portion includes interconnected tops and bottoms, and the tops of the decorative portion protruding higher than a level of the sidewall on which the decorative portion is arranged,

wherein the protruding portions protrude higher than the tops of the decorative portion, the protruding portions including at least one of a character and a mark, and

wherein joined portions join the protruding portions, bottoms of the joined portions are higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion, and tops of the joined portions are lower than the protruding portions.

9. (new): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the protruding portions comprise a group of letters.

10. (new): The pneumatic tire according to claim 9, wherein the decorative portion defines a pattern that does not comprise a group of letters.

11. (new): The pneumatic tire according to claim 3, wherein the protruding portions comprise a group of letters.

12. (new): The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein the decorative portion defines a pattern that does not comprise a group of letters.

13. (new): The pneumatic tire according to claim 8, wherein the protruding portions comprise a group of letters.

14. (new): The pneumatic tire according to claim 13, wherein the decorative portion defines a pattern that does not comprise a group of letters.